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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA

1. FONOFF PROVIDED FOLLOWING REPORT OF CONVERSATION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW AUG 30 BETWEEN JAPANESE EMBOFF AND TWO MEMBERS OF SOVIET FONMIN, COUNSELOR MOROZOV OF FIRST FAR EAST DEPT AND COUNSELOR SHUGIN (PHON) OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT, CONVERNING SOVIET POSITIONS ON ASPECTS OF KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA.

2. UNCURK -- OFFICIALS HELD TO POSITION THAT UNCURK MUST BE DISSOLVED.

3. UNC -- OFFICIAL SAID USSR WILL CONTINUE TO DEMAND PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF QTE UN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG UNQTE AS WELL AS ALL FOREIGN TROOPS. HOWEVER, THEY SAID DURING UN DEBATE, ONLY FORMER POINT (I.E. UN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG) WOULD BE CONSIDERED. THEY ADDED THAT IN ORDER TO EFFECT WITHDRAWAL OF UN TROOPS (WHO HAD BEEN PUT IN PLACE BY SC DECISION), NEW SC DECISION WOULD BE NECESSARY.

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4. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE -- SOV OFFICIALS DECLARED THAT MAIN-

TENANCE OF PEACE IN KOREAN PENINSULA AFTER UN TROOPS WITHDRAW
IS MATTER TO BE LEFT TO NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AND IS NOT ONE
IN WHICH OUTSIDERS SHOULD BE INVOLVED. ANY NEW MECHANISMS
FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE SHOULD BE DEvised THROUGH NEGOTIA-
TIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH.

5. MEMBERSHIP -- SOVS SUPPORT POSITION OF DPRK THAT BEFORE
UNIFICATION OR FEDERATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
TO ADMIT TWO KOREAS INTO UN. IN RESPONSE TO THIS POINT,
JAPANESE EMBOFF RECALLED APPLICATIONS FROM BOTH KOREAS SENT TO
UN IN LATE 1940'S , BUT OFFICIALS REPLIED THAT SITUATION HAD
GREATLY CHANGED AND THOSE APPLICATIONS WERE NOW MOOT.;

6. OFFICIALS ADDED THAT USSR IS STILL STUDYING WHETHER OR NOT
IT SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE ACTION BY SUBMITTING RESOLUTION OF ITS
OWN ON KOREAN QUESTION.

7. IN PASSING THIS INFORMATION, FONOFF UN POLAFFAIRS DIV
HEAD OWADA COMMENTED THAT SOVIET POSITION SEEMED TO HAVE
SOFTENED SOMEWHAT. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE THAT, WHILE ALLOWING
FOR VAGUENESS ATTENDANT ON DOIBLE TRANSLATION, SOVIET VIEWS
ON UNC IN PARTICULAR MAY OFFER SOME PROSPECTS FOR ACCOMMOD-
ATION. INGERSOLL

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